

PATENT

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Remarks

In accordance with the Office Action dated January 26, 2005, applicants have herein complied with the Examiner's assertions with respect to allowability.

In particular, claims 1-14 have been canceled without prejudice and the material recited in claim 23 has been moved to claim 15. Other claim amendments have been made consistent with this change. It is noted that the present response does not require the payment of any additional fees.

Accordingly, all of applicants' claims now satisfy all of the asserted requirements for patentability. Therefore, early allowance of all of the pending claims is respectfully requested. Furthermore, if there are any other matters which the Examiner feels could be expeditiously considered and which would forward the prosecution of the instant application, applicants' attorney wishes to indicate his willingness to engage in any telephonic communication in furtherance of this objective. Accordingly, applicants' attorney may be reached for this purpose at the numbers provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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